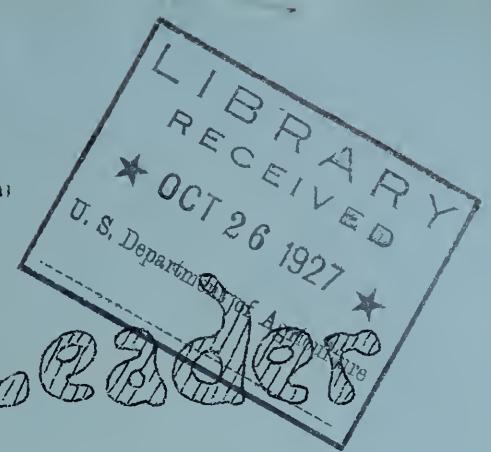


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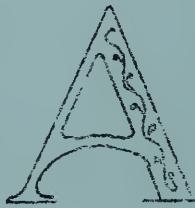
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COURTESY



All of the 4-H club family may well take pleasure in recalling the act which drew forth the following editorial comment in the WATERTOWN (N.Y.) DAILY TIMES, reprinted in the NEW YORK EXTENSION SERVICE NEWS.

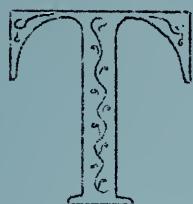
"Those who happened to be in lower Washington Street late Saturday afternoon had a most excellent example set before them. Saturday was junior project day in Watertown, and more than a thousand youngsters from this county were here. Many brought lunches which they ate on the grounds of the Masonic Temple and in the parks in front. Before they went home, they went about the grounds and gathered up each scrap of paper which they had left. One wonders how often those from the city who go to the country for a picnic show as much courtesy as this, because it is nothing more or less than simple courtesy. How often do those from the city leave scraps of paper and tin cans for someone else to pick up? And often they go farther by breaking down fruit trees in order to get the blossoms, and trampling over front yards and gardens. Our friends from the country taught some of the thoughtless city dwellers a good lesson in politeness!"

A good name is not only a source of pride; it is a responsibility.

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Busy Season for Local Leaders



wenty-three club leaders from an area of 6,000,000 acres (6,335,000, to be exact), does not sound like a promising scene for leaders' meetings. But that number of Navajo County, Ariz., club leaders met A. B. Ballantyne, assistant State director of extension, in August to go over the coming month's project activities. This was the third of a series of four meetings they plan to hold. This county of 4,313 population has 282 boys and girls in 4-H clubs.

"I just pick my boy, then start after him," says a local leader, C. W. Craven, in THE RUNABOUT, club paper of Jasper County, Iowa. "Sometimes I see his folks, other times I call or write the boy, or maybe I have other boys see him. Of course it takes a lot of planning. Boys want to do things, and a club must provide more things for them to do than they can think of alone. We have monthly meetings, and each is planned to provide some instruction and some fun. I visit the boys as often as I can and plan little stunts continuously. Any man ought to beat a boy on thinking up stunts."

Thirty local leaders of Hood River County, Ore., met with H. C. Seymour, State club leader, and Helen J. Cowgill, assistant State club leader, for planning sessions in August.

Thirty-seven county leadership conferences started off the season in Wisconsin, with 1,215 local leaders attending.

Wyoming outlined a 9-point program for club-leader training meetings, this year: (1) The relationship of parents and club work; (2) a balanced program, work, study, play; (3) rules of order - their value and the method of conducting them; (4) methods by which subject matter can be most successfully presented; (5) the value of picnics and hikes; (6) the method demonstration; (7) why should we encourage songs, games, and yell? (8) club work and the community; (9) why stock judging? Leaders were assigned topics from the program and gave short talks on them. General discussion followed.

Speaking of local leaders, Indiana has a FIVE-YEAR record in local-leader service, made by Mrs. Ed. Rhoades of Crawfordsville. Two of her club girls have been State baking champions, and one was a delegate to the first national 4-H club camp. What's your best local-leader record?

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HERE AND THERE

Heavy half of Rhode Island's 4-H clubs have assistant leaders, says the State club paper. Some are adults who meet with the groups at each meeting and assist the leaders with certain parts of the work; others are older club members who are learning to take over a larger part of the responsibility.

Virginia's AGRICULTURAL CLUB LEADER runs an "Ask Me Another" box on club subjects. One of the 8 questions asked in a recent issue is-- "What are the popular breeds of hogs raised in our State?" Another is,-- "What is a 'French' seam?" Answers are given on a following page.

Handicraft club work so interested a Massachusetts club boy that he determined to borrow \$10 with which to buy tools so that he might do better work. He succeeded in obtaining the loan and by doing odd jobs in the neighborhood he earned enough money to meet his obligation in a few weeks.

Winners in handicraft club work in Michigan were recently announced by A. G. Kettunen, State club leader. Classes included work from the first to the sixth year. A photograph of the exhibit, reproduced in the EXTENSION NEWS OF MICHIGAN, would give furniture stores and craft shops something to think about.

New ways of scoring girls' club exhibits have been tried in Ohio. Some of the counties place each individual article of the exhibit in one of five groups, 1 being lowest and 5 highest. Others score the exhibit as a unit, using classes A, B, C, and D,--A being highest (90-100 per cent) and D lowest (60-69 per cent). Those who have used either method report it an improvement over former procedure.

Two forestry clubs of New Jersey turned their annual picnic day into a travel day, going 60 miles by bus to see forestry work of special interest. High points in their itinerary were a basket factory that turns out more than 2,000,000 baskets a year; 40 acres of 9- and 11-year-old pine and spruce; and the forest-fire lookout station at Budd Lake, where in groups of five they climbed the tower and studied the instruments used in locating fires and the system of reporting them to field crews. The 40 acres of pine and spruce especially interested them because they had each planted an acre or more of trees at home this year.



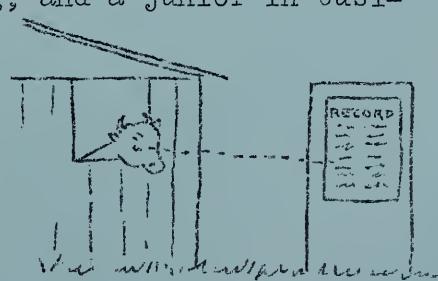
The problem of how to drink milk when one does not care for the taste was successfully attacked by a Rockbridge County, Virginia, club recently. At a school meeting each child was asked to bring a half pint of milk and an egg. The teacher provided ice and the extension agent cocoa paste. A club member demonstrated how to make milk shakes, and recipes were distributed. Before the meeting closed everybody, down to the last small boy who didn't like milk, had acquired a taste for the camouflaged article.

The first permanent building to be owned by any of the family of Eunice Crazy Bear, Indian club girl on the Rosebud Reservation, S. Dak., was the poultry house built last year for Eunice's 75 club chickens. The family had always lived in a tent but are now establishing a permanent home.

S C H O L A R S H I P Mr. D. D. Slade of the Kentucky Hatchery at Lexington, Ky., is offering a scholarship in the college of agriculture, University of Kentucky, to the poultry club member in the State who has made the best record and is most deserving. The scholarship provides \$200 in cash and is open to prospective freshmen only. Any poultry club member who has carried on a poultry project for two or more years and who has entrance credits sufficient to admit him or her to the college of agriculture, may compete. Award is made on the basis of scores on four items: (1) Club member's achievement in his poultry project for two or more years, including production records, exhibit of birds at fairs and shows, size of flock, etc.--50 points; (2) participation by club member in club group or community activities, such as judging contests, team demonstrations, influence of club member's activities on local poultry raising--15 points; (3) leadership, that is, offices held in local club, influence upon other boys and girls in the community to take up club work, success of local club, county, and state-wide activities and other leadership activities--25 points; (4) story on "My experience as a junior club member"--10 points.

The New Mexico A. and M. College has for some years had a standing offer of a scholarship which pays the tuition for four years of any boy or girl completing four years of required club work. Last year there were four club scholarship students on the campus, a junior and a freshman in home economics, a sophomore in engineering, and a junior in business administration.

Junior dairy-club members in Pennsylvania number 192. One of the club requirements is that the young dairymen send in to the State office a production report on their heifers each month. The 10 highest records are published in the State club newspaper.





The bankers' association of Missouri announces its third annual intercounty contest in that State for achievement in 4-H club work. Items on the score card are: Percentage of members completing productive club projects in which the members carry out continuous farm and home operations, 250 points; percentage of members completing club projects whose object is to teach subject matter, 100 points; percentage of organized clubs completing standard club work, 250 points; percentage of townships each with one or more standard clubs, 100 points; percentage of members taking part in special club activities, 100 points; number of members completing the year's club work, 200 points. Fifteen awards are to be made totaling \$1,500 at the close of the contest, November 30.

"Said It With Club Work" lists on one page some of the achievements of club work in South Carolina under the head, "Said It With Club Work." Among the items are: "The total value of products of members completing records was \$81,097.25." "The profit, \$28,060.49." "The number of organized 4-H community clubs was 192." "The number of club boys entering college for the first time was 175."

Berkshire pigs brought home 21 ribbons from California's State fair in Sacramento to three members of Escalon 4-H club, San Joaquin County. The ribbons represented 5 firsts, 6 seconds, 6 thirds, 1 fourth, and 1 fifth, with 2 reserve junior championships in open classes and a championship in the junior division. One of the boys cares for a small dairy in addition to his pig-club work. He recently purchased for the dairy herd a purebred bull whose dam's record is 777 pounds of butterfat in a year. The boy plans to finance a university course by his club pigs and dairy herd, says W. C. Fleming, assistant county farm adviser.

Alfalfa growing has been a successful club enterprise in Winona County, Minn., for two years. Each member grows a half acre of alfalfa using lime, inoculating, and following other recommended practices. Ten boys, ranging in age from 16 to 20 years, completed last year's work.



The program for poultry field day at Nebraska College of Agriculture gave time, place, and character of each event chronologically in a series of cartoons, mimeographed in a folder of $4\frac{1}{2}$ by 7 inch pages. The schedule for the first event of the day is reproduced below.



Four-H club girls of Odessa, N. Y., conduct each Saturday morning as a community enterprise of their club a story hour for small children whose mothers come to town for shopping. The story hour is in charge of a different club member each week, and children of the village and community gather at the schoolhouse for it. After the story is told the children dramatize it.

After a terracing team of club boys in Pottawatomie County, Okla., had run practically all the lines on a field which they had contracted to terrace, several farmers and the owner who had been watching the work decided that the boys did not know how to terrace and were trying to make the water run uphill. County Agent H. Staten, called to the scene, checked the lines which had been run. They were on 50 acres of the roughest land in the county, he said. He found them correct, and the boys finished the job which was worth, he estimates, several hundred dollars to the owner. A number of farmers in the county who wish their hill land terraced are employing the club boys to do the work.



Federations of the executive boards of local boys' and girls' clubs in Oklahoma counties held quarterly conferences. The federations plan the lines of work for their counties and conduct rallies, club contests, and achievement days.

Six counties in Colorado having no extension agents have sent lists of officers of local 4-H clubs to the State extension office. Some were sent by club reporters, others by local leaders.

The Fine Arts Club of Fargo, N. Dak., wished to know more about boys' and girls' club work and asked the State club office to furnish material for a special program. A demonstration team of two club girls provided the program.

Twelve tons of pedigreed Lone Star 65 cottonseed, produced by Franklin County, Miss., club boys, were sold through the county farm bureau to farmers of the county--enough to plant approximately 800 acres of the one variety.

Caretta, W. Va., negro club is divided into two groups. Each, says FOUR-H SUGGESTIONS, West Virginia's State club paper, has the outline of a house, marked off to represent bricks, drawn on a large piece of cardboard, which they use to show their progress on their program of work. The club, as other West Virginia clubs, has a program of work outlining one plan to be carried out under each of the four H's each month. At the end of a month, a club member may fill in one brick in his group's house for each of the four "H" plans he has completed. The members have appointed one of their number as "doctor" and another as "nurse" to help the other members keep their health "H" records properly. The local leader is court of last resort in times of doubt as to whether or not a member is entitled to add a brick to the house.

Helen Brown, remembered in 4-H circles as the Washington State girl who won second in the first national leadership contest, 1924, assisted in poultry club work in a number of Washington counties this summer. She entered State College of Washington this fall.

Club members attending Ohio's annual club congress are selected on the basis of all-round 4-H development and service to the club. Frequently each club in a county selects a nominee, and a county committee decides which of these shall represent the county as its delegates, usually from 3 to 8 in number. Previously the selection was based on the exhibit.



MUSIC

Four-H club people believe that there are many ways in which music can contribute toward the realization of their ideal of a well-rounded farm life. So music enters into club events in a number of ways. Boys and girls of Iowa, Nebraska, Massachusetts, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and probably other States have had the services of professional musicians in their choral singing and music-appreciation work at their State camps and short courses. Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, New York, Washington, Connecticut, and others have had music contests of various kinds at short courses and State camps.

Kansas club members' radio programs helped the Sunflower State members to prepare for their contests, one in recognition of a group of standard compositions, the other in chorus singing.

Missouri's contests were in singing and in song writing. Buchanan County won first in chorus singing against eight other counties, each county delegation singing from memory two of six songs required. Jackson County's home demonstration agent, Florence Carvin, won the song-writing contest, which required that both words and music be original, the words to include some reference to Missouri and to club work. Judges of both contests were from the faculty of the music department in the University of Missouri.

At Camp Edwards (Rhode Island State camp) a song contest was held in which the five tribes of the camp competed. Training in song leading was given on three days of the camp by E. P. Christopher of the State extension service.



Thirteen songs suitable for the beginning of a 4-H club music treasure chest are described in a leaflet mailed by Rhode Island State extension office, Kingston, to club leaders and secretaries.

County delegations in Washington State sang club songs in competition, the basis of scoring being 25 per cent each for appropriateness, interpretation, unison, and clarity.

Nine entrants in New York's music-memory contest recognized each of the eight selections played, and the tenth missed only one selection. Judging was then based on remarks which the competitors wrote about the compositions, and this narrowed the contest to two girls and one boy, each having 100-per-cent scores. Decision among the three was finally made by awarding according to age, the youngest receiving first prize.

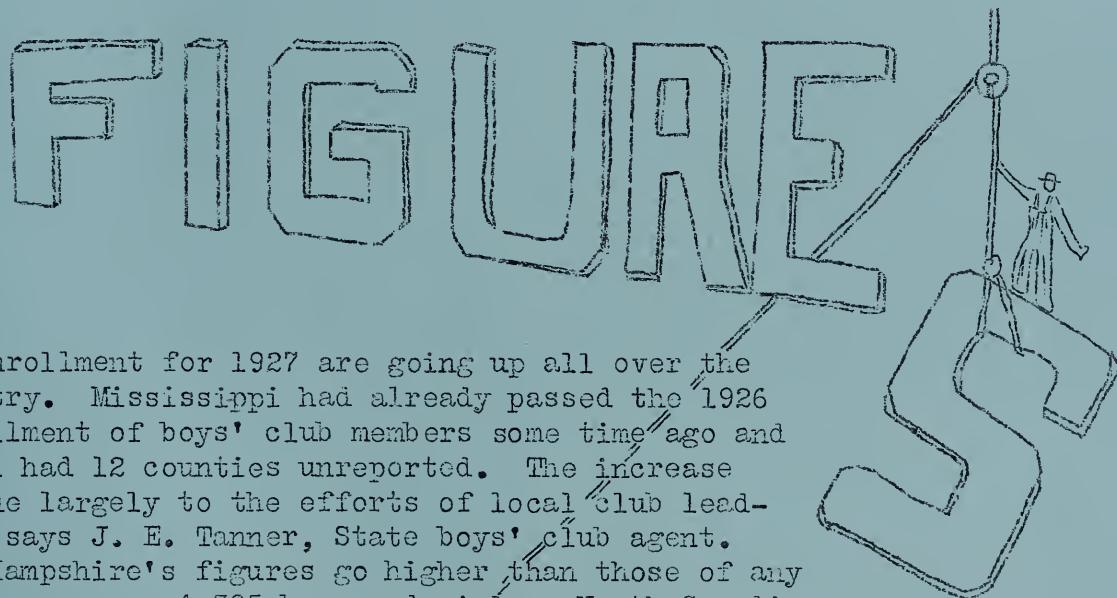


Lee County, Miss., has a 16-piece club orchestra organized in 1926 and trained by Mrs. A. G. Hamilton, wife of the county agent. Station WMC, Memphis, Tenn., invited the orchestra to give a radio program some time ago, and their performance was so well liked that they were promptly asked to play at a meeting of the Agricultural Workers' Club in Memphis.

Neshoba County, Miss., has a club band. It was sent to the recent State club congress at A. and M. College by a bank of the county. Neshoba's band and Lee County's orchestra helped with the assembly and evening programs and bowed to much applause.

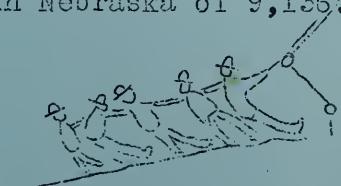
The Six Mile 4-H club in Pickens County, S. C., has a string orchestra of seven pieces which furnishes music for club occasions.

Says the Rhode Island State club news letter, telling of events at Camp Edwards recently: "Frances Parker of the Dunn's Corners Triangle Club easily took the honors with the harmonica. Her selections given at the evening meetings were repeatedly encored and set a standard which it is hoped many members will strive to attain before the 1928 camp."



on enrollment for 1927 are going up all over the country. Mississippi had already passed the 1926 enrollment of boys' club members some time ago and still had 12 counties unreported. The increase is due largely to the efforts of local club leaders, says J. E. Tanner, State boys' club agent. New Hampshire's figures go higher than those of any previous year, 4,595 boys and girls. North Carolina has 6,215 enrolled. On July 1, South Dakota's totals had climbed to 8,222, more than a thousand higher than last year's. Membership in white boys' and girls' clubs of South Carolina has passed the 11,000 mark, and negro clubs of the State register over 2,000. And the NATIONAL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB NEWS of August 15, 1927, reports an enrollment in Indiana of nearly 22,000; in Montana of approximately 4,000; in Nebraska of 9,136.

CHEERS! CHEERS!



Newspaper Review

THE 4-H CLUB JOURNAL, a genuine newspaper, printed on club green newspaper stock, smelling strongly of printer's ink, and looking in all respects like an old-timer, appeared daily at the Wisconsin State Fair, August 30 to September 2, inclusive, through the courtesy of THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, to give the news of 4-H club events for Wisconsin club members and their friends. The club paper was available on the fairgrounds each day and was also folded in with the regular daily newspaper mailed to rural subscribers. THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL looked after all mechanical details; the 4-H club members in camp at the fair furnished the reporters and even the copy typists and a runner to carry copy down to the JOURNAL office.

The first issue of THE 4-H NEWS REEL, club paper from the office of C. A. Reed, county club agent of Saginaw County, Mich., to visit the CLUB LEADER comes in filled with advance news about club day at the Saginaw County fair. It features a big parade and says "our 4-H Tunesters will furnish music for the parade." The paper was named from suggestions submitted by club members, and club reporters are urged to send in "real news for our News Reel."

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Congratulations

to club members of Multnomah County, Ore., who enjoyed the use of their own club building at this year's county fair in Portland, August 2-7. It was built at a cost of \$18,000 by the fair board and dedicated to club work. Boys and girls who live in the city of Portland have 4-H clubs and a club leader as well as the young people on the farms of Multnomah County, and the fair board provided separate premium lists for city club members and those of the country. Altogether nearly 1,000 club boys and girls exhibited at the fair this year.



C A L E N D A R

SOUTH CAROLINA - Club section, State fair, Columbia,
October 17-22.

Camp Plummer, Pacific International Livestock Expo-
sition, Portland, Oreg., October 29
to November 5.

Leaders' and coaches' conference, National Dairy Show,
Nashville, Tenn., October 16.

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AT THE WORLD POULTRY CONGRESS

Distinguished poultrymen of more than 40 foreign countries, attending the World Poultry Congress at Ottawa, Canada, July 27 to August 4, focused their monocles or other aids to acute perception for a time on a group of youngsters from "the States" who represented boys' and girls' 4-H club work on the program. The young poultrymen who made up the demonstration teams were Clarence Norris and Glenn Heneger, Cass County, Nebr.; Horace Farr and Lloyd Sykes, Addison County, Vt.; Carl Otte and John Burton, Middlesex County, Conn.; and William Mott and Marion Rice, Hillsdale County, Mich.

The Connecticut team demonstrated culling; the Vermont team, grading and marketing of eggs; Nebraska, brooding and sanitary management of young chicks; and Michigan, housing the farm flock. The demonstrations were given in a booth which was a part of the U. S. Department of Agriculture exhibit at the congress. Observers report that apparently very few of the 5,000 delegates missed the demonstrations. Since the congress the department has received a number of inquiries regarding 4-H club work from various counties represented. R. A. Turner, who looks after club work for the Central States part of the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, was in charge of the teams and demonstrations during the congress.

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Workbox and Tool Chest

"Camp Wilkins - Resort for Club Boys," alluring leaflet from the extension division, Georgia State College of Agriculture, Athens (Vol.XV, Circ. 133), tells with pictures and not more than 400 words what a boy would like about Camp Wilkins, how much it would cost to attend, what he should bring.

A "4-H Club Leader's Guide" has been published by the extension service of the University of Wyoming, Laramie, for the use of local club leaders.

"Proceedings of the 4-H Club Section of the 12th Annual Conference of Montana Extension Workers" has been issued in mimeograph form by Montana State College, Bozeman. The table of contents lists "Rural Youth Attitudes," by J. Wheeler Barger, Montana Experiment Station; "The 4-H Club Leader's Jobs and Difficulties," by Charles E. Potter, State club leader; "Leadership in Boys' and Girls' Club Work," by William A. Lloyd, regional agent in charge of extension work, Western States; and "How 4-H Club Work Contributes to the Agricultural Wealth of My Country," by E. B. Duncan, Hill County extension agent, and W. H. Jones, Stillwater County extension agent, Montana.

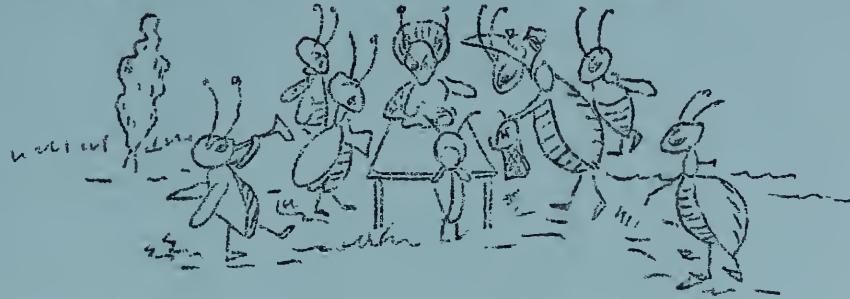
The "4-H Handy Book," published by the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work, 58 East Washington Street, Chicago, has appeared in a second edition with a number of new features especially planned for club leaders. One copy has been set aside by the committee for each State, county, and local volunteer club leader, to be sent on request; additional copies for the use of 4-H clubs may be purchased from the committee headquarters for 8 cents each.

"Use of Illustrative Material in the Promotion of Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work," by C. H. Hanson, specialist in visual instruction, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, U.S.D.A., discusses ways in which photographs may be used in club activities, posters, a new camera, projection lanterns and their use, how to make good club pictures. (Extension Service Circular 53, mimeographed.)

Illustrated song slides, used for assembly singing during the national club camp -- John Howard Payne's "Home, Sweet Home"; "Dreaming," a song written especially for 4-H club girls by Fannie R. Buchanan of the Victor Talking Machine Co.; and "Sons of the Soil," written also by Miss Buchanan for 4-H club boys -- may be borrowed, as are other lantern-slide series, from the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, U.S. Department of Agriculture, through State extension directors.



AMONG OURSELVES



Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson, State girls' club agent of South Carolina, has just returned to her headquarters at Rock Hill, S.C., after seven months' study at Columbia University, New York City.

R. G. Foster, 4-H club man for the Eastern States part of the Office of Cooperative Extension Work, is to be at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., for the 1927-28 college year. He will give attention to rural social organization and economic subjects.

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"WHAT IS A 4-H CLUB?"

This question is frequently asked extension workers: "What is a 4-H club?" I feel sure that practically the same answer as to the purposes of a 4-H club would be received from every extension worker. Would the same unanimity of opinion be received if the question were propounded: "What is the best local organization of boys and girls for carrying out the purposes for which 4-H club work was established?" Come on, State and county folks, and let's have a full and free discussion of this question between now and the time of holding our next national camp.

From my viewpoint, a 4-H club is an organization of boys and girls in a community to promote agriculture and home economics. For instructional purposes the organization is divided into groups according to the subjects to be demonstrated. Each group has a chairman or captain selected by the members to lead the group. Each group constitutes a committee to promote the development of the project demonstrated in the community. The federation of all project groups into a club with the usual officers -- president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, reporter, and an adult leader, either man or woman, or perhaps two leaders, both man and woman -- makes a 4-H club.

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